

## **REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 2, 4, 7-8, 13, 15, 17-19, and 27 have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies. These amendments conform the claims with U.S. practice and do not add new matter or change their scope. Claims 1, 3, 9, 12, and 24-26 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 28-33 have been added. Support for new claims 28-33 can be found in the application as originally filed.

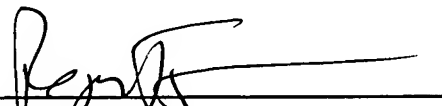
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this Preliminary Amendment before examining the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachments:      Formal drawings Figs. 1- 30 (26 pages total)**